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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/612,906 Confirmation No. 4320  
Applicant : M. ARAKI et al  
Filed : July 7, 2003  
Titled : STORAGE SYSTEM  
TC/A.U. : 2182  
Examiner : H. Kim  
Docket No. : ASA-843-03  
Customer No.: 24956

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 (PATENT OFFICE MISTAKE) AND**  
**CONDITIONAL PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137**

Sir:

The Applicants have received a Notice of Abandonment dated January 30, 2006 for the above-identified application. The Notice cites a failure to timely file a response to the "Notice Regarding Drawings". The Applicants petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for the reasons that follow.

The undersigned law firm received the Notice Regarding Drawings, mailed August 24, 2005, on August 25, 2005. Upon contacting the person listed in the Notice, Mr. Tang, it was suggested that the drawings be sent by e-mail for quicker processing. As evidenced by the attached copies of the e-mails, the drawings were sent to Mr. Tang on August 30, 2005 and acknowledged as being received by Mr.

Tang on August 31, 2005. In addition, copies of the formal drawings previously submitted by email are also attached.

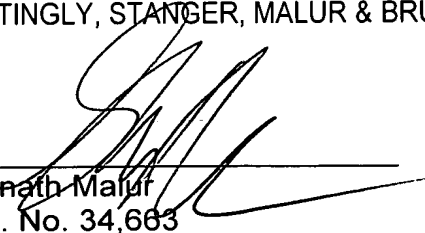
In view of the above, Applicants request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. However, in the event it is determined that the facts set forth above are insufficient to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment, Applicants hereby petition to revive the abandoned application under 37 CFR §1.137(b). Pursuant to the rule, Applicants submit the following:

- (1) The formal drawings required in response to the Notice regarding drawings mailed August 24, 2005 are enclosed;
- (2) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1417 for any petition fee that is deemed necessary;
- (3) The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

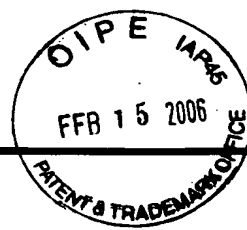
The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C.

By:   
Shrinath Malur  
Reg. No. 34,663  
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**Karen Thunberg**



**From:** Karen Thunberg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2005 3:02 PM  
**To:** 'nhan.tang@uspto.gov'  
**Subject:** Emailing: drawings-8-29-05 USSN 10/612,906



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Mr. Tang,

Attached are the drawings for USSN 10/612,906, filed July 7, 2003, M. ARAKI et al As requested in your Notice of August 24, 2005.

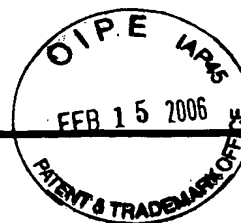
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**Karen Thunberg**



**From:** Tang, Nhan [Nhan.Tang@USPTO.GOV]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2005 8:27 AM  
**To:** Karen Thunberg  
**Subject:** RE: Emailing: drawings-8-29-05 USSN 10/612,906

Dear Ms. Thunberg:  
The drawings are acceptable.

Regards,

Nhan Tang  
2900 South Tower  
703-305-0333 Ext. 132

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**From:** Karen Thunberg [mailto:kthunberg@msmbpatentlaw.com]  
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